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Official Diary

Wednesday, 20 August 1952

1. Following the Deputies' Meeting, discussed with General Smith the form and procedures to be followed respecting the briefing for Presidential candidates. The DCI desires that our current publications be reviewed and a special round-up be made, "containing those items which have not already appeared in the newspapers." Later laid on such a publication with Mr. Sheldon.

25X1A9a Presently under consideration as the basic delivery team are [redacted]

25X1A9a and [redacted] These depend upon the dates chosen by the candidates. I shall attempt to arrange with Mr. Wolf for a CIA plane. O/NE should also be alerted that all estimates should be briefed down for inclusion in this book, as they come out. Dry runs of this publication will begin at once, to be ready the same time as the President's book.

25X1A5a1 2. At the Deputies' meeting, Mr. Dulles reported upon a visit he had received from the [redacted] indicating great concern at the development of the situation in Chile and the possible implications of an Ibanez election. State Department shares this concern.

25X1A6a 3. Discussed with the DCI a contemplated trip to Europe at which time he suggested that it would be more useful to him to have me take a run around the Asiatic [redacted] The DCI suggested that I take along a representative of the Covert Offices and I later mentioned this to Mr. Wisner. Also informed Mr. Amory, indicating that this change in plans would probably permit me to go to [redacted]

25X1A9a 4. At the Deputies' Meeting, Mr. Wisner suggested that we arrange an interview of the Crown Prince of Laos, who is now in Washington. I later alerted [redacted] and requested him to arrange for such a meeting. Arrangements with the Crown Prince would be made by State through Mr. Wisner's office. So informed Mr. Wisner's office.

25X1A9a 5. The DCI requested me to have drafted an order, applicable Agency-wide, requesting all Senior Officials (including such covert employees as [redacted] upon returning from a foreign trip to make, forthwith, an appropriate report for DCI, recommending any necessary corrective action and to forward same immediately to DCI. I requested [redacted] to draft such an order for signature by DCI. 25X1A9a

6. Attended a briefing on flying saucers. Following this briefing the Director indicated that this problem should be taken in hand as a problem of intelligence coordination and requested that a report be made recommending further action to be taken. He indicated that this matter has been under discussion with Secretary Lovett and it was felt that even though there was only one chance in ten thousand that one of these incidents was unexplainable it was worthwhile to make every effort to investigate the facts. One serious question remaining is whether there has been an objective evaluation of facts or whether this evaluation has been done by persons convinced before the investigation that the instances were explained by natural causes. Several lines of investigation were suggested at the OSI briefing. Recommended Dr.

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Chadwell to have an appropriate paper drafted which should include any possible draft recommendations that could be conceived. It is questionable whether this matter can be dealt with by an IAC Directive, since full investigation will require extensive use of resources under command of the operational division of Air Forces. The DCI recognized this and indicated that possible NSC direction would be required.

25X1A2g 7. Discussed with General McClelland and one of his assistants the question of [redacted] I explained why I would be unable to request the Director to sign the letter referring this matter to State. I was convinced that State, if given the initiative, would say no. We agreed that military

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25X1A9a 8. Had lunch with William Friedman of General Canine's organization. In answer to my inquiry for a junior in the OCI Policy and Liaison Staff, he suggested [redacted] who had indicated a desire to join AFSA but who is better qualified for work in an Intelligence Agency. I indicated the desirability of this as far as we are concerned and shall ask [redacted] explain this situation to Carolyn.

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9. Also discussed with Friedman the "locking of horns" that had resulted from an attempt to settle the PT exploitation problem. I indicated to him the nature of the studies we were engaged in which might effect a compromise position. Friedman urged me very strongly to inform AFSA and the other Intelligence Agencies of the nature of these studies so that they can be produced jointly, and I indicated that I would speak to Adm. Wenger and the other Agencies on this point. We agreed that any compromise would have to be worked out by a high level group that had sat down on this problem and that perhaps the best solution would be to obtain agreement of such a high level group on proposals and to refer the implementation to a working group.

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10. Discussed with [redacted] who is leaving for the War College, his suggestions respecting the work of O/NE. The following points were raised:

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- a. [redacted] felt that the National Estimates Board and the IAC devote too much time to the finer points of wording and too little time to the major points of substance.
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- b. [redacted] also felt that occasional briefing on current intelligence thinking in O/NE and O/CI would be helpful for Mr. Dulles and myself, and this seemed to accord with my idea for an intelligence manual available in the front offices to be kept up to date quarterly.

11. Attended O/RR Budget meeting.